

ARMISTEAD, LEWIS A.

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MILITARY SERVICE RECORD OF LEWIS A. ARMISTEAD

Lewis Addison Armistead, born February 18, 1817, at Newbern, North Carolina; son of Major General Walker K. Armistead and Elizabeth (Stanley) Armistead; married to Cecelia Lee Love of Fairfax County, Virginia. Attended U. S. Military Academy, West Point, New York, 1835-39; appointed Second Lieutenant, 6th U. S. Infantry, July 10, 1839; promoted to First Lieutenant, 1844; Captain, 1845; brevet Captain, August 1847, for gallantry and meritorious conduct at battles of Contreras and Churubusco, Mexico, and brevet Major, September 1847, for like conduct at battle of Molino del Ray; served in campaigns against hostile Indians in the West; resigned May 26, 1861, at Los Angeles; accompanied Colonel Albert Sidney Johnson on journey across Arizona to join *Confederate Army*, July 1861; appointed Colonel, 57th Virginia Infantry, C.S.A., July, 1861; promoted to Brigadier General, C.S.A., 1862; severely wounded at Antietam, 1862; died of wounds received while leading his Brigade in Pickett's charge at Gettysburg, July 3, 1863. A monument where he fell mortally wounded marks the "high tide of the Confederacy".

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